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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated January 12, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider her position with respect to the Lambeth et al. patent. Specifically, the Office Action suggests column 21, lines 4-17, of the Lambeth et al. patent states that "it can be inferred that Ti is not acting as a seed layer, but essentially as a wetting layer that eliminates the influence of the orientation of the substrate or previously deposited layer under the Co-based layer." This passage, however, deals with an embodiment that is substantially different from the present invention or the embodiment discussed in Applicant's previously filed Amendment, and disclosed in column 21, lines 26-40 of the Lambeth patent. In other words, the embodiment now relied upon in the Office Action is even more distinct from the present invention.

Specifically, column 21, lines 4-17, deals with a CoCrPt/Ti/oxidized-Si substrate or a CoCrPt/Ti/glass substrate. This passage does not meet the recitations of a "perpendicular

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